GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Uniform Pension to All
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is huge variation in the amount of old age pension, widow pension, disability pension and the pension given under other schemes in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to grant uniform minimum pension to the pensioners in all the States of the country along with the details of funds spent during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (d): Pension admissibility under various pension schemes ofNational Social Assistance Programme(NSAP) is uniform across the Country. Central assistance under the programme follow laid down criteria which again is uniform and guidelines provide no deviation to the same. Therefore, question of variation in respect of implementation of the central scheme does not arise.However, various States under the State run schemes, provide varying degree of top-ups to identified group of beneficiaries under their schemes. The details of State administered schemes is not maintained centrally.

The disbursement under NSAP during last three years is provided in the Annexure.

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